



Date: August 11, 2015

To: Parties on the EAW Distribution List
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Subject: Weaver Bottoms Aquatic Habitat Restoration /Enhancement Project
Environmental Assessment Worksheet

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) to describe the environmental effects associated with the Weaver Bottoms (Pool 5) Aquatic Habitat Restoration/Enhancement Project, located in Wabasha County, Minnesota. This document has been prepared as a Mandatory EAW pursuant to Minnesota Rules part 4410.4300, subpart 26 (Stream Diversion) and also Minnesota Rules part 4410.4300, subpart 27.A. (Wetlands and Public Waters). The DNR is the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) for the environmental review of this project.

A 30-day public review and comment period will begin on August 17, 2015, with the publication of the notice of availability of this EAW in the [EQB Monitor](#). The DNR invites public comments on the EAW during the public review period from August 17, 2015 to September 16, 2015 at 4:30 pm. A copy of the EAW is available for public review at:

- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155
- Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, 2nd Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401
- DNR Central Region, 1200 Warner Road, St. Paul, MN, 55106
- DNR Lake City Area Office, 1801 Oak Street, Lake City, MN, 55041
- Rochester Public Library, 101 2nd Street SE, Rochester, MN, 55904
- Wabasha City Library, 168 Allegheny Avenue, Wabasha, MN, 55981

The EAW is also posted on the DNR's website at: <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/index.html> → Public Input → Environmental Review → See Weaver Bottoms Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project EAW in the drop down list.

Written comments must be received by Wednesday, September 16th, at 4:30 pm and sent to:
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500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, Minnesota, 55155-4025

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Electronic or e-mail comments may be sent to Environmentalrev.dnr@state.mn.us with "Weaver Bottoms Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project EAW" in the subject line. If submitting comments electronically, please include your name and U.S. mailing address. Signed written comments may be sent via facsimile to (651) 296-1811. For additional information, or copies of the EAW, please call (651) 259-5072.

Attachments:

Weaver Bottoms Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project EAW

Weaver Bottoms Aquatic Habitat Restoration Project Figures

Attachment A: Braun Intertec Sediment Core and Baseline Containment Analysis Summary

Attachment B: Natural Heritage Information System Summary Index Report

Attachment C: Blanding's Turtles Information Flyer and Fact Sheet

Attachment D: Invasive Species Operational Order

Attachment E: State Historic Preservation Office letter

Attachment F: Turtle and Snake Avoidance Plan